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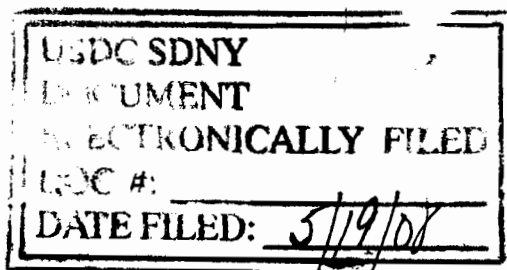
CHAMBERS OF  
THEODORE H. KATZ  
US MAGISTRATE JUDGE

86 Chambers Street  
New York, New York 10007

May 16, 2008

By Hand

Honorable Theodore H. Katz  
United States Magistrate Judge  
United States Courthouse  
500 Pearl Street, Room 1660  
New York, New York 10007



Re: Lourdes Romero v. Astrue  
07 Civ. 10703 (CM) (THK)

Dear Judge Katz:

This Office represents the Commissioner of Social Security, defendant in the above-referenced action. During my preparation of defendant's answer, I encountered several issues that require that I seek additional information from the Agency. Because the information that the Agency will provide likely will affect defendant's response to the complaint, I will be unable to file the answer by today, May 16, 2008. Therefore, with the consent of plaintiff pro se, I respectfully request a thirty-day extension of time from May 16, 2008, until June 16, 2008 (June 15, 2008 falls on a Sunday), to respond to the complaint.

This is defendant's second request for an extension of time, as the answer was originally due on March 17, 2008.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Respectfully,

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**SO ORDERED**

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US MAGISTRATE JUDGE

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*Defendant's answer and/or  
motion shall be filed by  
June 16, 2008. Plaintiff's reply  
shall be filed by June 30, 2008.*

*5/19/08 Theodore H. Katz*